INFORMATION SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Learn about the unique advising system at Rice, academic rules and regulations, and academic resources. Presented by Aliya Bhimani, Director of Academic Advising. Peer Academic Advisors will be available for individual questions in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

ARCHITECTURE
Orientation to the Undergraduate Architecture Program with Q&A with Sarah Whiting, Dean and William Ward Watkin Professor of Architecture and Dr. Christopher Hight, Director of Undergraduate Studies & Associate Professor, School of Architecture.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Nicole Van Den Huevel, Director and Jessica Campbell, Associate Director will share resources for exploring post graduate options and employment opportunities, including externships and summer internships.

STUDENT WELLBEING & COUNSELING
Presentation and Q&A about the mental health and wellbeing resources available at Rice University.

ENGINEERING
Presentation by Dean Ned Thomas, Brown School of Engineering: “The 3 Ships: Leadership, Internship and Entrepreneurship in the School of Engineering.”

HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Presentation by Christine Martinez, Assistant Director of Academic Advising and Laura Kirkland, Assistant Director of Academic Advising, with Q&A.

STUDY ABROAD
Study abroad strives to provide substantial, transformational experiences within each undergraduate’s personal curriculum through intellectually rigorous and culturally enriching international opportunities. Learn about study abroad in this session presented by Dongming De Angelis, Study Abroad Advisor.

MUSIC
Presentations by Gary Smith, Associate Dean of the Shepherd School of Music and Geoffrey Scott, Director of Music Admissions, with Q&A.

NAVIGATING COLLEGE
During their initial year at Rice, your new students will experience significant change as they make social, emotional, academic, and interpersonal transition to college. Learn more about what they will experience and how you can support them. Presented by Chris Landry, Assistant Director of First Year Programs, Student Success Initiatives.

RELIGIOUS LIFE ON CAMPUS
Join a few of the Joint Campus Ministers (JCMs), individuals from multiple faiths and religious backgrounds who are directly affiliated with a recognized club on campus, to answer religious and spiritual life questions and find connections.

TRANSFER FAMILIES
Learn more about the unique experiences of transfer students at Rice including information related to their academic success and social transition to Rice. Presented by Brad Blunt, Assistant Director of Academic Advising.

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID
Paul Negrete, Sr. Assistant Director of Financial Aid will provide a brief overview of the need-based financial aid award process at Rice University.

Welcome to Rice University!
You are now part of the extended Rice family, and we hope you will take advantage of all that New Families Orientation has to offer. These special events will introduce you to life at Rice and answer your many questions.

Save the Date for Families Weekend
Friday, Oct. 23 - Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
For more information, visit www.rice.edu/famweek or call 713-348-6094.

see page 2 for information session times & locations
**New Students Move Into Colleges**

**Masters’ Reception**
All college masters will be holding a reception while students move in. Stop by to meet your student's masters, ask questions, and mingle.

**Lunch in the Colleges**
Families and students eat lunch in the commons of each student's college.

**Formal Goodbye Between Families and Students**
After this point, students will officially begin their orientation and New Families Orientation begins.

**Introduction to College Life**
Families will meet with a panel comprised of college masters, resident associates, college coordinators and student leadership while students are with their advisors.

**Shuttles to Tudor Fieldhouse are Available**

**A Rice Welcome**
Join other families in Tudor Fieldhouse for an official welcome by:
- David Leebron, President of Rice University
- Dr. John Hutchinson, Dean of Undergraduates
- Sylvia Omozeze, Baker College ('16)
- Timothy Scott Schmidt, Duncan College ('17)
- John R. Eldridge Lovett College ('74), Parent of Graham & Will - McMurtry College ('16 & '16)

Music heard while entering Tudor Fieldhouse is from past Shepherd School Orchestra performances. Families will be escorted from Tudor Fieldhouse to the Rice Memorial Center/Ley Student Center for cool beverages and valuable information.

**Conversation Corner**
Do you have questions that only a veteran Rice parent can answer? Please stop by Sammy’s (next to the Grand Hall in the RMC) for an opportunity to chat with current Rice parents while you enjoy refreshments prepared by our residential college chefs. Sponsored by Housing and Dining and the Rice Annual Fund.

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**Information Sessions**
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**Evaluation Form**
Please take a moment to fill out an NFO evaluation form and write a note your new student on the message card included in your folder. Notecards and evaluations should be dropped off in the Grand Hall Lobby. Families who complete an evaluation will receive a gift to show your Rice Parent Pride provided by the Rice Annual Fund.

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**Families Depart**
Thank you for joining us today. We hope you had a great experience and will have a safe journey home.

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**GENERAL QUESTIONS?**
Visit the Information Desk located at the front of the Grand Hall.